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APPLICANT: THIELE, et al.
TITLE: NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN
ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-11 and 17-22.

Please add new claims 23-26:

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B1 A method of detecting the presence of alcohol liver
disease comprising:

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